

REMARKS

STATUS OF APPLICATION

No new claims have been added and claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 17-20, and 28 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 6, 8-16, 21-27, 29, and 30 are pending in the present application.

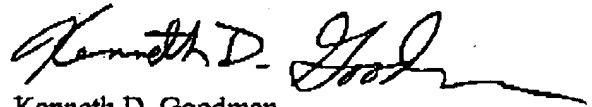
ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The indication in the Advisory Action that claims 12-16 and 21-27 are allowed is acknowledged with appreciation. Further, the indication that claims 3, 4, 6, 8-11, 29, and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is also noted with appreciation. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 29 have been rewritten into independent form. Claims 8-11 depend from claim 3 and claim 30 depends from claim 29. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 3, 4, 6, 8-16, 21-27, 29, and 30 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Daren C. Davis at (817) 578-8616 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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